



**Ms. Audrey Murphy** is in her tenth year as Director of Bands at Hopewell Middle School. Although the school opened its doors in August of 2004, her ensembles have earned consecutive Superior ratings in performance evaluation appearances. Under her direction, the Hopewell Middle School Advanced Band appeared as a guest performing ensemble at the 2006 University of Georgia Middle School Band Festival and the 2010 Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference. In 2011, the Hopewell Symphonic Band performed at the Music for All National Concert Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Ms. Murphy is a graduate of East Carolina University, where she earned the Bachelor of Music degree in music education with Magna Cum Laude distinction. She was named both "Most Outstanding Senior in Instrumental Performance" and "Most Outstanding Senior in Music Education" by school of music faculty. While studying at East Carolina, Ms. Murphy served as head drum major of the Marching Pirates, as well as principal clarinetist of the symphonic band, wind ensemble, and symphony orchestra. Her additional performance experience includes the Long Bay Symphony Orchestra, the Olde English Wind Ensemble, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Community Concert Band, the Charlotte Civic Orchestra, Peachtree Symphonic Winds, Tara Winds, principal clarinetist of the Capital City Opera Company of Atlanta, and clarinetist for Atlanta-based woodwind quintet Highland5.

Ms. Murphy has served as a guest clinician and adjudicator throughout North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. She has received the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence on two occasions for her contributions to the field of concert band. She is also a recipient of the North Fulton Jaycees Outstanding Young Arts Professional Award, and was named 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year for Hopewell Middle School.

Ms. Murphy holds membership in Sigma Alpha Iota, Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Beta Mu, the National Band Association, The National Association for Music Education, and the Georgia Music Educators Association. She resides in Atlanta, Georgia.